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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

CONDO BILLS HB 5572 HB 5902 HB 5451 HB 5453 AND SB 796

TO:

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CLERK OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

ROOM 2502

300 CAPITOL AVENUE

HARTFORD CT 06106

SUBJECT:

"FOR CONDO BILL PUBLIC HEARING,
IN SUPPORT OF CONDO BILLS"

ATTACHED IS MY WRITTEN TESTIMONY.

PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF CONDO BILLS HB5572 HB 5902
HB 5451 HB 5453 AND SB 796

SIGNED:

Jane Prescott (JANE PRESCOTT)
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BRIDGEPORT, CT 06610

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Bridgeport CT 06610

March 3, 2010

State of Connecticut
Office of the Attorney General
Richard Blumenthal
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REFERENCE: RAISED SENATE BILL NO 129
AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF CONDOMINIUM
OMBUDSMAN

Gentlemen/Ladies:

It was a pleasure speaking with you today regarding the above-referenced proposed bill.

As I stated to Sue in our telcon, I would be very interested in drafting a petition to circulate in my cooperative (a community of 924 units in the City of Bridgeport).

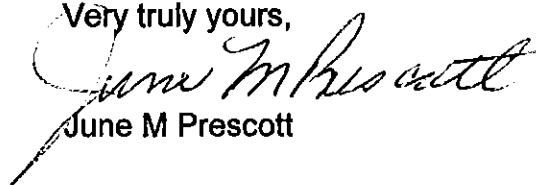
In order to do this I would need data regarding this bill. Would you kindly forward me a copy of the proposed bill that you forwarded to Mr. Vincent Tortorello on February 17, 2010.

Both Mr Tortorello and I have been working together on this project and are extremely excited about seeing it to fruition. We have appealed to the Office of the Attorney General during the past few years regarding the many improprieties forced on the members of our cooperative – only to receive your regrets about it (Success Village) being a privately-owned enterprise. Therefore, you can readily understand our enthusiasm.

Any assistance you may be able to offer regarding new data on Bill No 129, in the future, may be sent to the writer.

With great appreciation and anticipation, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "June M Prescott", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back under the name.

June M Prescott

jmp
cc: V Tortorello

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL
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Office of The Attorney General
State of Connecticut

June 25, 2010

June M. Prescott
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Dear Ms. Prescott:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting information from my office on Senate Bill 129, An Act Establishing an Office of Condominium Ombudsman. In addition, you also mentioned problems you were experiencing with members of your cooperative.

As I had indicated before, I am sympathetic to the problems at your condominium, and regret that my office is barred by state law from enforcing condominium or cooperative laws.

During the 2010 General Assembly session, I submitted legislation to improve and reform the law. This attached legislation -- Senate Bill 129 -- establishes a Connecticut Condominium Ombudsman with the authority to review and enforce condominium association violations of state condominium laws. At present, too many condominium unit owners simply accept violations of condominium bylaws and state laws because of the time and expense of enforcing their rights in court. Unfortunately, the General Assembly did not approve this legislation. You may wish to contact your state senator and state representative to request their support and advocacy of this legislation in the next legislative session to establish a condominium ombudsman.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Blumenthal".

Richard Blumenthal

RB/RFK/sk

Attachment